

Application No. 10/671,229

REMARKS

Claims 17, 18, 29-39, and 49-63 are pending in the application with claim 17 amended, claim 19 cancelled, and new claims 50-63 added herein. Applicant expresses appreciation for the allowance of claims 29-39 and the indication that claim 19 sets forth allowable subject matter.

Claims 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tsuchida ("Self-combustion reaction ... power mixtures", 1995). Claim 49 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuchida in view of Grogen (U.S. Patent No. 5,635,429). Claim 17 is amended herein incorporating the subject matter of previous claim 19, indicated on page 3 of the Office Action as allowable. Accordingly, amended claim 17 is in condition for allowance. Claims 18 and 49 depend from claim 17 and are patentable at least for such reason as well as for the additional limitations of such claims not disclosed or suggested.

New claims 50-53 added herein are supported at least by paragraphs 27 and 41 of the present specification. New claim 54 reintroduces the subject matter of previously canceled claims 14 and 20 and adds further limitations also supported at least by paragraphs 27 and 41 of the present specification.

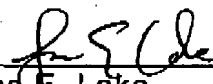
New claims 55-63 reintroduce the subject matter of previously canceled claims 15, 16, and 21-27. Applicant asserts that new claims 50-63 are patentable over the cited art, considered alone or in combination.

Applicant herein establishes adequate reasons supporting patentability of claims 17, 18, 29-39, and 49-63 and requests allowance of all pending claims in the next Office Action.

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